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GAUGE CONVERSION IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing Gauge Conversion Project in Kerala;

(b) the present status of each project; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to expedite the said work?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): In Kerala, gauge conversion of Quilon-Punalur-Sengottai section is in progress as a part of Quilon-Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur & Tenkasi-Virudhunagar gauge conversion project (357 Kms). Gauge conversion of Quilon-Punalur (45 Kms) was targeted for completion during 2007-08. However, its progress is affected because of land disputes and failure of contractors. This section is expected to be completed during 2008-09.

The balance portion of the work in Kerala i.e. Punalur-Sengottai (49 Kms) is a Ghat section where final location survey has been completed and detailed estimate is under process. No target has been fixed for completion of gauge conversion of this section.